



STATE OF MICHIGAN
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 10, 2012
TO: Wayne and Oakland County Clerks
FROM: Michigan Department of State, Bureau of Elections
SUBJECT: Special Primary and Election – 11th Congressional District

Attached, please find the call for the special primary and election which must be conducted to fill the vacancy in the office of Representative in Congress, District 11. Please notify the city and township clerks in the 11th Congressional District of the call for the special primary and election if you have not done so already. Note, this is the 11th Congressional District that was effective in 2002.

Nominating and qualifying petition signature requirements are as follows:

	Minimum	Maximum
Republican	1,000	2,000
Democrat	1,000	2,000
Candidates without party affiliation	3,000	6,000

Democratic and Republican candidates must file nominating petitions. Candidates without party affiliation must file qualifying petitions. At the time of filing, each candidate must submit an Affidavit of Identity (2 copies). The filing deadline is 4:00 p.m. on Friday, July 20, 2012. As the 11th Congressional District is a multi-county district, the filings must be submitted to the Michigan Department of State's Bureau of Elections.

Republican and Democratic candidates who file for the vacancy will be placed on the September 5, 2012 special primary ballot; the Republican and Democratic candidates nominated at the September 5, 2012 special primary will appear on the November 6, 2012 special election ballot with any candidates nominated by the minor parties qualified to participate in the special election and any candidates without party affiliation who file for the vacancy.

A listing of the various duties and deadlines associated with the special election is enclosed for your reference. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if you have any questions. Phone: (517) 373-2540.